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Name changes to OCSC

By Sheila Shaner
OCSC president

The RAF Lakenheath officers wives club, in response to popular vote by the general membership, has changed its name to the officers' and civilians' spouses' club.

Now that the name is changed, we hope to see more male spouses join the club. Also, we have many active members of the club who are spouses of civilian employees and they deserve to have this recognition. I also hope to see more civilians joining the club.

Planning meetings for the October bazaar are in the works. This is a great committee to serve on, it is a lot of fun and is a great way to serve the base and local communities. Last year's bazaar generated more than \$48,000 for philanthropic causes. This money will be given back to the base and local community over the next board year.

For more information on the club, call Ruth Sokoly at (01638) 532077, or Linda Miller at (01842) 828516.

Element identifies computer threats

By SSgt. Larry Woehl
Network security manager

Identification of Internet hoaxes and real threats to computer networks are aspects of the network security office, a new element of the 48th Communications Squadron network control center.

Our initial goals are education and prevention. Creating a Lakenheath instruction, writing articles, making personal visits to units and speaking about network security are some of the ways we hope to educate people. Prevention is the result of proper education.

In any security program, ev-

eryone is responsible for following proper procedures. There are several basic rules to follow when dealing with classified and unclassified computer systems.

Computer tips

Protect passwords by not writing them down on desks, calendars, under keyboards or on or near the computer screen. For a classified network, the password must be protected to the highest level of classification processed on the screen.

Don't leave computers unattended without password protection. Set a password with screen savers to prevent unauthorized access to e-mail,

system programs and personal files.

Don't share computer resources on a network without password protection. Many users share their hard drives without protecting the drive. In this case, anyone connected to the network can access the computer and modify, copy or delete directories, programs and files.

The network security dos and don'ts can become extensive. Remember to learn proper security practices and use them.

Proper Internet use

A recent issue around the wing is the proper use of the

Internet. AFI 33-219, Transmission of Information via the Internet, paragraphs 6.1.1 through 6.1.12 identifies activities that are prohibited on a government computer.

Two areas of concern are pornographic and chat sites. Everyone needs to be aware that our office has the capability to see what every computer user accesses. We can pinpoint computer activity to the unit, building, office symbol, phone number and serial number.

We also have the capability to block an unauthorized site, and attempts to access these sites will be forbidden.

For more information, call the network security managers at Ext. 3092 or 5944.



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Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis

Peacekeeper Park opens

Visitors walk through Peacekeeper Park, adjacent to Liberty Park, after its grand opening April 25. The park is open to anyone who wishes to visit and experience the area's history and natural resources.

Summer hire begins

**By Bill Cunningham
Summer hire coordinator**

The 3rd Air Force student summer employment program for the United Kingdom kicks off June 23.

Applications are accepted through May 31.

To be eligible, students must be a U.S. citizen and command-sponsored family member between the ages of 14 and 23. Students who are 14 and 15 are employed on a space-available basis. Application packages are available at the RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall family support centers and high school and middle schools. Sponsors may complete application packages if the student isn't in the area through May 31.

The program benefits both the students and Air Force. Students receive \$4.25 per hour for their work. The Air Force gains additional help during the busiest time of the year for leave and rotation.

Students assist the mission by answering phones, filing, doing general housekeeping or other tasks.

For more information, call the 3rd Air Force civilian personnel office at 89-3540 between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. weekdays.

Clinic moves to new home

**Story and photo by
SSgt. Scott Davis
Public affairs**

The hospital's anatomic pathology clinic recently moved into its new 2,500 square foot home in Bldg. 923 next to the main hospital.

Col. John Shaner, 48th Medical Group acting commander, dedicated the building during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday after the clinic moved from the hospital annex.

The move was designed to improve the working environment for the technicians.

"This quality of life initiative gives our people a bigger, better facility to work in," said Shaner. "It's another part of our on-going hospital expansion project."

Anatomic pathology is part of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. It serves patients and clinicians who send tissue specimens to the laboratory for examination, documentation and diagnosis. Such bodily materials include pap smears, needle aspirations of tissue, tissue biopsies and diseased organs which have been surgically removed. The clinic also performs autopsies. Tissues and cells are examined by a cytotechnician or pathologist, and the diagnoses are forwarded to the patient's doctor.

Inside the facility, the clinic has added new furniture and equipment including a new grossing area workbench where tissue samples are examined by the pathologist.

"We're excited to be here," said Maj. Douglas Grider, pathologist. "Our clinic in the hospital annex was inefficient. We now have a happier team of people with an improved outlook."



SSgt. Ramsarran Singh, cytotechnologist, peers into a microscope to seek cancerous cells.

The clinic has four histotechnicians who specialize in tissue preparation and autopsy assistance to aid the two pathologists in making diagnoses. Approximately 4,000 tissue specimen analyses are completed each year. Two cytotechnicians screen pap smears and tissue aspirates. Approximately 11,500 pap smears are screened each year.

The facility helps the technicians with their processes, according to MSgt. Mercia Locke, cytotechnologist.

"The annex didn't have the facilities for the equipment that we needed," Locke said. "Everything here is set up according to the activities. Our comfort zone is much better."

The clinic receives specimens from 12 military installations throughout the United Kingdom, Italy, Norway and Turkey. It also has a full-time tumor registrar who serves as the cancer registry consultant for USAFE.

The clinic uses health fairs at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall to educate the base communities with information on cancer and cancer screening.

Briefly said

Scenes filmed at bases

Movie crews will visit RAFs Lakenheath and Mildenhall next week to film several scenes for an upcoming James Bond film.

The segments will feature aircraft and people from the 48th Fighter Wing and the 352nd Special Operations Group.

"The plan right now is to film at the bases Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.," explained Capt. Patrick Ryder, Liberty Wing public affairs chief. "All of the filming will be in an area that won't affect normal aircraft operations."

In addition to providing Liberty Wing and special operations aircraft for use in the film, quite a few Air Force people will get the chance to appear as extras.

"Approximately 50 people from the operations group, logistics group and security police will act as extras in the film," said Ryder.

The movie, currently dubbed "Tomorrow Never Dies," is due to be released later this year.

Safety first

In order to prevent accidents and disturbance of the movie set, Rabbit Run Road will be closed May 6 - 8. Safety officials advise people who use that road to plan accordingly.

In addition, the majority of support vehicles for the film company will be parked at the rod and gun club Tuesday - Thursday. Drivers using the A1065 are advised to exercise caution near the entrance of the club due to large trucks exiting and entering the road.

Experience alcohol effects on driving

The 48th Fighter Wing safety office and 48th Services Squadron allow people to experience the effects of alcohol on driving abilities from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 10 in the parking lot across from the shoppette.

A computer-programmed car that simulates the feeling of driving under the influence is available for anyone who wants to use it. For more information, call Ext. 3737.



Photo by SrA. Robert H. Gerlach

Spin doctors

Vernon Jennings, also known as DJ E. Ness, was the winner of a DJ competition at the skating rink April 25. He received two tickets to the United Kingdom DJ finals in Manchester. The competition showcased DJs from the Lakenheath-Mildenhall area.

Lakenheath people know their jobs

By SrA. Sarah Franco
Public affairs

People assigned to RAF Lakenheath say they know their jobs, are confident in their abilities, know what is expected of them, and have the freedom to work with minimum supervision.

Those are some of the positive findings of the recently completed culture and leadership survey, in which more than 1,300 people participated. On the flip side, people said they experience duplication of effort, meetings that don't start and end on time, unfair distribution of work, and wasteful tasks.

"The purpose of the survey is to provide commanders with a year-to-year snapshot in time of the opinions of the men and women in the command," said Col. Louis Kreig, 48th Fighter Wing manpower and quality office chief. This is the second year the office administered the survey.

"The results are used as tools by commanders to identify strengths and weaknesses within their unit and throughout the command," the colonel added.

The survey consists of 50 questions as-

sessing six categories: workplace, job, mission, communication, quality Air Force principles and leadership. Survey participants are asked to rate each of the questions from 1 - 7; 1 is "strongly disagree" and 7 is "strongly agree." This year's survey shows very slight improvements in all of the six categories, Kreig said.

Results are also broken down for each squadron and geographically separated units, providing commanders specific results for his or her unit. The results can then be used in the same manner as the command results in identifying areas of excellence and areas that can be improved.

Kreig said manpower and quality offices will highlight specific initiatives throughout the year that commanders implement to address the lowest scoring areas.

"By tracking the initiatives and analyzing the effects on next year's survey results, we can identify which initiatives are working and share those ideas with other units," he said. "The bottom line is we have a tool and to be effective a tool must be used. We will be using this tool to identify the areas that need improvement and construct action plans to build these areas up."

The top 10 beliefs according to the survey:

- ☐ I know my job description
- ☐ I have confidence in my ability to do my job
- ☐ I know what is expected of me
- ☐ I have the freedom to work with minimum supervision
- ☐ I know how work contributes to mission
- ☐ My supervisor wants me to succeed
- ☐ My supervisors trust me by giving me responsibility
- ☐ I know my unit's mission
- ☐ I understand principles of USAFE Quality
- ☐ My supervisors trust by giving me authority

The lowest 10 statements:

- ☐ My unit identifies/avoids duplication
- ☐ Meetings I attend start/end on time
- ☐ My unit's workload is fairly distributed
- ☐ My tasks are free of rework and waste
- ☐ Metrics accurately measure our outputs
- ☐ My unit has effective communication
- ☐ Meetings achieve their purpose
- ☐ I have the opportunity to make real changes
- ☐ A spirit of cooperation and teamwork exists
- ☐ I receive recognition working with others

(Story compiled from local and USAFE sources.)

News notes

Police investigating sex attacks

A joint investigation has been launched after it was discovered the same man is responsible for sex attacks on two boys in Suffolk and Essex.

Suffolk Police revealed April 2 that the same man attempted to rape an 11 year old in Newmarket in September, and then raped a 14 year old near Braintree in March. Samples taken from both crime scenes indicated the same offender carried out both attacks.

"There has always been a concern that this man would attack again," said Detective Superintendent Peter Worobec, Suffolk Constabulary. "He has now done so, and while attacks of this nature are relatively rare, I am concerned that he might strike again."

The attacker is described as being of Mediterranean or mixed race appearance with black hair, in his 20s, 5 feet 8 inches tall, clean shaven and with a nondescript accent associated with people from East Anglia. He was wearing a blue denim jacket and jeans.

Anyone with information about the attacks can call the Incident Room Hotline at (01284) 774170, or call Crimestoppers at (0800) 555111.

Sick call hours changed

The 48th Medical Group sick call hours for Tuesday are from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. and from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Normal hours are between 7 - 8 a.m. and 12:30 - 1 p.m. weekdays.

The flight surgeon's office holds sick call from 6:30 - 7 a.m. and from 1 - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call Ext. 2193.

Air Force combines upcoming promotion release dates

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) - About 6,000 staff sergeants will find out they were promoted to technical sergeant much quicker than their predecessors since this year's technical sergeant list will be released earlier than ever before.

Historically, the list is usually released the last week of June, but this year it will be released simultaneously with the master sergeant list June 5.

In the past, the two lists were always announced two to three weeks apart, officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here said. The combination of advanced technology and a smaller enlisted force is allowing the service to combine the lists.

Finding out your line number earlier is not the only benefit of the merger. The move also reduces the workload for military personnel flights, officials here say, adding that MPFs and major commands won't duplicate efforts within two weeks of each other to distribute two lists.

AFPC has tested releasing the combined lists and spent extensive time speaking with people throughout Air Force about the proposed change.

Another positive change is that AFPC has established target dates for promotion releases. In previous years, release dates were only announced a week to 10 days prior to release of the lists. Beginning this year the master sergeant and

technical sergeant promotion list will be released on the first Thursday in June and the staff sergeant promotion list the first Wednesday in August.

Because the evaluation board schedule changes every year, center officials are not able to have a set date for the chief and senior master sergeant lists. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Air Force hot line in operation

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) - The Air Force's senior leaders want military and civilian employees to know the service's sexual harassment hotline remains open.

The hot line, set up more than two years ago to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries, is operated by the Air Force Personnel Center here. The numbers are 1-800-558-1404; DSN 487-7849; or commercial (210) 652-7849. The 800-number is not free from the United Kingdom.

All hot line calls are initially taken by AFPC Call Center operators. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified social actions counselor. Counselors ensure callers understand what avenues are available and also ensure complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors answer calls between 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., CST.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages. Counselors return after-hours phone calls at the beginning of the following duty day. For emergencies or when an immediate response is desired, counselors are available 24 hours a day. The call center voice mail will instruct callers how to reach an after-hours counselor. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Personnel officials address tuition assistance program

Question: Is the tuition assistance program still being funded in the Air Force?

Answer: Yes, the Air Force strongly supports this benefit.

□ This provides a maximum of 75 percent of up to \$250.00 per semester hour (\$187.50).

□ In fiscal year 1996 the tuition assistance program helped over 92,000 member take 232,000 courses.

□ In fiscal year 1997, Congress contributed an additional \$9.5 million to the tuition assistance program to bring the total to \$60 million available to Air Force members.

Question: I enrolled in the Veterans Education Assistance Program and withdrew my money. Why can't I switch to the Montgomery GIBill?

Answer: In 1996, the law changed to let people who had money in a VEAP account switch to the MGIB. Unfortunately, the law did not cover those enrolled who did not have money in the account. Nor did it cover those who did not choose to enroll at all. Personnel officials are working with the other services to try to make that happen in fiscal 1999.

For more information about the tuition assistance program, call Ext. 3851.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

A1C Larissa Widdifield

48th Medical Support Squadron

Hometown: Rogers, Ark.

Role in mission: I am a medical materials apprentice and I ensure that the hospital receives supplies so that the base population receives the health care that is needed to carry on their mission.

Hobbies: Soccer, martial arts, dancing and traveling

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Possibly working with the United Nations and raising a family.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would open a third gate during "rush" hours on base. It shouldn't take a half-hour to get off base. I would also provide more recycling bins around base - especially for cans.

What is your greatest achievement? Finding my place in the world.

Why did you join the Air Force? I originally enlisted to get military background for the Air Force Academy. I also wanted to get a college education and travel.

Who is your role model and why? My mother. She has a positive attitude and she treats others with kindness. Mary, Queen of Scots, is a close second. She believed in something and followed her heart - no matter what hardships she faced. And, of course, Jesus Christ.

What do you like best about the Air Force? The pride I gain knowing that the U.S. Air Force aids in several humanitarian missions.

Reservists help at base fire department

Story and photo by
TSgt. David D. Morton
910th Airlift Wing public affairs

It's 8:34 on a Monday morning at RAF Lakenheath, and people are just starting their new workday.

In a span of moments, three separate alarms sound at the fire department and seven reserve firefighters from the 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, from Youngstown ARS, Ohio, along with British and active-duty counterparts from the 48th Fighter Wing, spring into action to respond to exercise scenarios.

The first alarm is a structural incident involving a boiler room at the school. The second is an inflight emergency involving an F-15 fighter that lost engine compression during routine training. The aircraft makes it back to the flightline without incident. The third is a fuel spill from a C-5 aircraft that just landed.

"Just another normal day here at Lakenheath," said Mark Smith, a leading firefighter for the British contingent at Lakenheath. "We're always busy!"

"Our guys are used to what's going on here," said TSgt. Mark Patsko of the 910th CES fire department.



TSgt. Elliot Rodriguez and SSgt. Andrew Mabie, 48th Fighter Wing fire department, team up to help victim SrA. Dan Cole, 910th CES reservist, following a simulated F-15 crash.

"Most of them are professional and volunteer firefighters where they live. The only disadvantage we have is that we're not used to the flightline here, and where the barriers are located."

The 910th CES firefighters also participated in simulated joint training exercise involving F-15 mock-up drill with the fire team from Lakenheath and local British firefighters from the surrounding communities.

"We place a lot emphasis on community awareness around here," said fire chief Paul Giles, who is assigned to Lakenheath on a statutory career tour from Vandenberg AFB, Calif. "We want the communities here to know what to do if one of our planes goes down."

When the reservists were not participating in mock-up exercises or responding to actual alarms, they were busy getting certified in hazardous materials training.

"A lot of our guys are either EMT or crash and rescue trained," said SSgt. John Hickey, a 910th CES reserve firefighter. "Some are trained in both, but everyone must be certified in HAZMAT."

"We tell our guys to just get the reservists where they have to go in an emergency situation," said CMSgt. Dwayne Painter, deputy fire chief for Lakenheath. "They'll know what to do. Some of them work in actual fire units and have a greater experience level when fighting fires."

The base fire department is currently manned at 102 members, but people are deployed to other countries for 120 day increments, said Giles. The department has people in Bosnia, Hungary, Italy, and Honduras, as well as 11 people to Silver Flag.

"We need these reservist here to backfill for our people that are deployed," said Giles.

Each reserve member deployed from the 910th CES served a 24-hours on, 24-hours off duty day, while the British members worked one-day on, three-days off.

Giles said, "The one-day on, three-days off applies to our British firefighters because a lot of them are volunteers for their local communities who get paid by the call."

Legal teams debate sides of law

By Capt. Jennifer Dickey
Legal office

Two legal teams, representing both English and American sides of law, met to debate legal reform Monday in London.

The U.S. team, having triumphed in debates held in Washington D.C., New York, and Harvard Law School, Boston, emerged as the overall victor in the four-part series of debates presented by the Federal Bar Association of America.

The American team consisted of: attorney Mark Tuohey III, who served as deputy independent counsel in the Whitewater investigation; criminal defense attorney F. Lee Bailey; Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree; and Judge Eugene R. Sullivan of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces.

During his introduction of the American team, William J. Crowe, U.S. Ambassador to England and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, remarked on the timeliness of

the event with the celebration of the 40th anniversary of U.S. Law Day Thursday.

The audience consisted of 100 American and English legal practitioners, included judge advocates from 3rd Air Force, RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, who attended the debate as part of their Law Day activities. The audience decided the victors in each debate.

With a 77 to 23 victory, the English team enjoyed its largest margin of victory in the debate on whether juries should decide the amount of money to be given to the plaintiff in tort suits. A tort is a civil injury, other than a breach of contract, for which a court awards damages.

Unlike the American legal system, English judges decide the amount of damages. Citing a recent U.S. jury decision to award \$3 million to a plaintiff burned by MacDonald's coffee, Michael Hill, an English litigator and expert on fraud trials, argued that the emotion and prejudices of juries take over when they are asked to decide the consequences of a finding of liability. In response, Mark Tuohey argued

that the jury should be viewed as a political institution giving voice to ordinary citizens to set the norms for society.

A recent change in English law, which permits a jury to consider a criminal defendant's failure to answer questions or give evidence at trial, prompted vigorous arguments from both teams in a debate on a criminal defendant's right to silence. Decrying the English reform as a "step backwards," Bailey argued that permitting comment on a defendant's assertion of the right to silence effectively gives "a right to a citizen and puts a price on it, which wipes away the right."

In response, Judge Brian Capstick remarked that the impetus for reform arose from English juries who "became fed up with something that ran contrary to their feelings of common sense."

Bailey's argument gave the American team its only win with a 66 to 31 vote.

Sullivan, who organized the debate, was invited as the guest of honor at the Law Day reception held by 3rd Air Force Thursday.

RAF Feltwell

A neighbor to
the north

By SSgt. Scott Davis
Public affairs

It's a short drive north up the bumpy B1112. Nine miles from RAF Lakenheath sits a quiet part of the Liberty Wing community — RAF Feltwell. The giant golf balls landmark the base which is visited by people from almost every military community in the United Kingdom.

The base can be like a Sleepy Hollow, according to SSgt. Shawn Todd, an instructor at the Mathies Airman Leadership School. "I like it because it's quiet."

The school is one of the various activities at RAF Feltwell.

The main mission is owned by the 5th Space Surveillance Squadron, a geographically separate unit assigned to the 21st Space Wing at Peterson AFB, Colo. The 5th SPSS — owners of the giant golf balls — locates, tracks and identifies deep-space and low-altitude satellites in support of U.S. Space Command's missions of space control and force enhancement.

The information is passed to the 2nd Command and Control Squadron, Falcon AFB, Colo.

The squadron operates and maintains two passive space surveillance systems called the Deep Space Tracking System and Low Altitude Space Surveillance System.

Another unit at Feltwell is Detachment 4, 18th Intelligence Squadron. The detachment provides electronic, technical and specialized analytical support to the Air Force Space Command deep space surveillance mission and critical operations information to national customers. Unit members conduct mission operations and communications security support to Air Force Space Command and U.S. Space Command for exercises, contingencies and real-world events.

Other units include Detachment 511, Air Force Audit Agency, veterinarian clinic, Air Force Television News U.K. Bureau, Army and Air Force Exchange Service regional headquarters and the Department of Defense Dependent Schools regional headquarters. The 48th Fighter Wing has a fire



department, furnishings management and five-person civil engineering section on Feltwell along with the 48th Component Repair Squadron's precision measurement equipment laboratory, 48th Contracting Squadron and 48th Security Police Squadron combat arms training and maintenance.

Although the base has many different missions, most people visit Feltwell for another reason – the AAFES furniture store. Customers come from throughout the United Kingdom and points beyond, according to the store's manager.

"I've met customers from Mountain Home, Idaho, and Eglin AFB, Fla," said Marvin Huggins, Feltwell furniture store manager. "I've only been here since February 1996 and I've met people from most of the bases in Germany."

Even with the travelers going to the furniture store, the base has a residential feel to it.

"I like it here because it's calm and peaceful," said Nancy Groff, a recreation aid at the Feltwell Community Activity Center. "At Lakenheath, everyone is busy running around. Here, you don't hear the jets flying

above you."

The community center where Groff works is occasionally busy, like during lunchtime when the Airman Leadership School students take advantage of the air hockey and ping pong tables in the center's game room. The center also plans activities for the residents of the base's 190 housing units and four dormitories, and students at the Feltwell elementary and middle schools. A youth hour from 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays gives students an opportunity to work on a project at the center.

Because it's a small base, Feltwell doesn't have all the services that are found on Lakenheath.

"There are a lot of disadvantages," said SSgt. Espedito Minervine, Airman Leadership School faculty advisor. "You have to go to Lakenheath to take care of personal business and it's hard to get to meetings."

Minervine does, however, like having the base shuttle bus, and believes being at Feltwell helps him in the classroom.

"If you're on a roll and the class is really pumped up and excited, you don't want to

have to stop teaching while an F-15 flies by," he said.

What Feltwell does have is open space. The baseball and soccer fields are used by base and youth teams, and members of a model airplane club take advantage of the fields near the furniture store to practice their hobby.

Feltwell is a convenient location for the RAF Feltwell Flying Club, according to SrA. Clarence Turner, club member. "The area is nice and wide open," he said. "It's hard to find an open area off base."

Club members fly their models during daylight hours whenever the weather permits, according to Turner. And they rarely get complaints for noise.

On the cover

A1C Tyree Koerner, 48th Security Police Squadron, stands guard at the RAF Feltwell main gate.



How Parliament works

By Linda Laws
Community relations advisor

If you have watched British television at all over the last six weeks, you will not have failed to notice that the country has been preparing for a general election. The hype is finished now and it's time to settle down to some sort of normality. A question I get asked quite often is how does Parliament work. Let me try to explain.

What is Parliament?

The United Kingdom Parliament consists of the Queen, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. All three work together to carry out the work of Parliament. The work of Parliament covers seven main areas: making laws (legislation), examining the work of government, controlling finance, protecting the individual, examining European proposals, debating current affairs and hearing appeals.

What is government?

Some people confuse Parliament with the government. All members of government belong to Parliament, but not all Members of Parliament belong to government. In total there are more than 1,800 people entitled to sit in the two Houses of Parliament; nearly 1,200 in the House of Lords and 651 in the House of Commons. Only about 100 of these members belong to government. Members of the government usually belong to one of the Houses of Parliament, to enable Parliament to keep a check on their work by asking questions and debating.

The most senior members of the government are known as the Cabinet. In most Cabinets, the majority of the members are drawn from the House of Commons and only a few from the House of Lords.

The House of Commons

There are 651 members of Parliament, or MPs, who sit in the House of Commons. They are the elected representatives of the people of the United

Kingdom, and the area they represent is known as a constituency. Some members refer to their constituency as their "seat." A member of Parliament represents all the people who live in the constituency, regardless of how they voted.

House of Lords

Currently, there are more than 1,200 members of the House of Lords. These can be divided into four main types of lords – bishops, lords who inherit their titles, lords who have been given titles for their own lifetime and law lords who mainly hear appeal cases. The House of Lords is the highest court of appeal for most types of legal cases in this country. The House of Lords is directly descended from the Medieval King's Council to which were summoned the great nobles and churchmen.

Bishops (also called Lords Spiritual)

The early councils contained a large number of important churchmen. Today, only 26 bishops of the Church of England remain in the House of Lords. The Church of England is the state church, or the established church in England. The archbishops of Canterbury and York are automatically members of the House of Lords, as are the bishops of London, Durham and Winchester. The next 21 in order of seniority are also entitled to sit in the House of Lords. Unlike other Lords, the bishops and archbishops are only members of the House for as long as they hold office. When they retire, they leave the House.

Hereditary peers

All the lords who are not bishops are known as peers or Lords Temporal. There are nearly 800 hereditary peers who can pass on their titles to their children. Half of the hereditary peerages have been created in the 20th century, but by the 1960s the idea that seats in the House of Lords should be inherited had become rather unpopular. After 1965, no new hereditary peerages were given for 18 years, and only a few were awarded in the 1980s. Those who receive new hereditary peerages are called hereditary peers of first creation.

Life peers

Since 1958, more than 600 people have been made life peers and given a seat in the House of Lords for their own lifetime. They cannot pass on their titles to their children. The titles are bestowed by the queen, but the selection is made by

the prime minister. Life peerages are usually offered to those nearing the end of a distinguished career.

The law lords

The House of Lords is still the highest court of appeal for all cases except Scottish criminal cases. Only 30 lords play any part in this work. Ten are judges who have been given a special sort of life peerage to enable them to hear cases in the House of Lords. They are called lords of appeal in ordinary. The rest of the law lords are judges who hold (or have held) high office and either happen to be hereditary peers anyway or have been made life peers because of their distinguished careers. There are always a couple of law lords who are experts in Scottish law as Scotland has its own legal system.

Parliamentary terms

Whips – this term was first used in the 18th century when it was likened to the hunting field and it was the person who 'whipped-in' the hounds to keep them all together. Whips keep their parties together.

Hansard – this is a word-for-word account of what is said each day in the House of Commons.

Back-benchers – MPs who belong to the same party as the government but who do not hold a government post.

Front-benchers – government ministers sit on the front bench of the government side of the chamber. They are therefore known as government front-benchers.

In the chamber of the House of Commons, the government sits to the right of the speaker's chair and the opposition to the left. On the opposition front bench sit the official opposition spokesmen. The senior spokesmen are referred to as the shadow cabinet because they shadow the work of the government.

Public admission to Parliament

The public are admitted to the Strangers Gallery of the chamber for debates, but not Prime Minister's Question Time, when Parliament is in session. Queuing starts early at St. Stephen's Entrance, opposite Westminster Abbey, for debates which take place from 2:30 p.m. - late Mondays - Thursdays; from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesdays; and from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fridays. These times are approximate. Official tours have to be arranged through the office of a member of Parliament.



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3145.**

Dorm residents' dinner slated for Wednesday

The chapel staff plans a steak dinner at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the base chapel for dorm residents, families living in the temporary living facilities and families of deployed members. People who wish to help with the dinner or who want more information can call Ext. 3711.

Parenting skills

A parenting skills class about self esteem in the early years is from noon - 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 33 at the 48th Medical Group hospital. For more information, call Ext. 2409.

Book sale

The shoppette sponsors a book sale from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call Ext. 2451.

Hispanic-American club

The Hispanic-American club meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in Bldg. 619 at RAF Mildenhall. For more information, call Ext. 3553.

Job offer

The 48th Medical Group seeks an ultrasound technologist. For more information, call 89-2987.

Boot sale

Boy Scout Troop 419 sponsors a boot sale from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 10 at the rod and gun club. Cost is \$5 or £3 per car to participate. For more information, call (01842) 828465.

Genealogical association

The Genealogical Association of English-speaking researchers in Europe sponsors a genealogy and family history conference in Mannheim, Germany, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 10. For details, call Lu Hays-Whitworth at 0627-51942 or e-mail whit@jas-net.de.

Quarterly awards luncheon

The 48th Fighter Wing quarterly awards lun-

cheon is at 11:30 a.m. May 13 in the officers' club ballroom. Cost is \$7 per person. Contact unit first sergeants for more information.

Holocaust remembrance

The RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall Holocaust remembrance luncheon is noon Thursday at RAF Mildenhall's Galaxy Club. Tickets are available from first sergeants until May 5 or at the chapel until May 6. For more information, call Ext. 3711.

Ball, scholarship awards night

The 13th Masonic District sponsors its 12th annual Ball and Scholarship Awards night at 7:30 p.m. May 17 at the Liberty Club. Tickets are \$25 per person and dress is semiformal. For details, call 89-3587 or Ext. 3224.

War memorial rededication

The 491st and 492nd bomber groups are rededicating the war memorial at North Pickenham, near Swaffham, at 11 a.m. today. A luncheon is at the Blue Lion Pub following the dedication. For details, call (01760) 440289.

Protestant men's retreat

The 1997 Protestant Men's Retreat is May 16 - 18 at Letton Hall, near Shipdham, Norfolk. For details, call Ext. 3711.

Spring fashion show

Syene Temple #193 sponsors a "Sounds of Motown" spring fashion show Saturday at the Newmarket Celebrities cabaret club. Cost is £10. For details, call MSgt. Jesse Turner at Ext. 5443.

Wellness fair

RAF Mildenhall's health and wellness and fitness and sports centers sponsor a wellness fair from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. May 9. For more information, call Tenia Reyes at (01638) 547161.

Professional development

A lieutenants professional development program is May 7 - 9 at the officer's club. All participants must have at least one year of commissioned active-duty service. For more information, call 1st Lt. Susan Pietrykowski at Ext. 5908 or 1st Lt. Troy Gilbert at Ext. 4244.

Chapel services

Catholic services

Daily Mass

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| Monday | 5 p.m. |
| Tuesday | No mass |
| Wednesday | 11:30 a.m. |
| Thursday | 5 p.m. |
| Friday | 11:30 a.m. |
| Saturday Mass | 5 p.m. |
| Sunday Mass | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday Mass at RAF Feltwell | 11:30 a.m. |
| Religious education classes-Feltwell school cafeteria (Sunday) | 10:15 a.m. |
| Religious educational classes-RAF Lakenheath Elementary School (Sunday) | 11 a.m. |

Protestant services

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| Liturgical service (Sunday) | 8 a.m. |
| Shared-faith service (Sunday) | 11 a.m. |
| Gospel service (Sunday) | 1 p.m. |
| Shared-faith service at Feltwell | 10 a.m. |
| Sunday school at Feltwell | 9 a.m. |
| Denominational - Lutheran Wisconsin Synod (First Sunday each month Feltwell) | 1 p.m. |
| Denominational - Assemblies of God Sunday Night Live (Sunday) | 6 p.m. |
| Denominational - Grace Bible fellowship (Sunday at Feltwell) | 4 p.m. |
| (Wednesday at Feltwell) | 7 p.m. |
| Sunday school at Lakenheath Elem. | 9:30 a.m. |

Islamic services

Islamic Circle

Thursdays, 5-6 p.m.

For details, call Maj. Laurence Brown at Ext. 2810

Jewish services

Services are held at the RAF Mildenhall chapel on the first and third Fridays of the month at 6 p.m. The officiating rabbi is Chap. (Maj.) Brett Oxman. Call DSN 238-2822 or (01638) 542822 for details.

Orthodox (Christian) services

Call Lakenheath chapel at Ext. 3711 for details.

For emergency

For emergencies during duty hours call Ext. 3711 or the base command post at Ext. 4233 after duty hours. For information on community services, call Ext. 3711.

Family Support

Contact the family support center staff at Ext. 3847 for information on the following programs, or e-mail chris.lawson@lakenheath.af.mil. All classes are held in the family support center unless otherwise noted.

Pet advisor service

Richard Elsey, pet advisor, is

available to answer questions from 10 a.m. - noon Wednesday.

Teen life

A teen life group meets from 5 - 6 p.m. today at the youth center.

Kids on the move

A kids-on-the-move seminar is from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday for

children 5 - 8 years old and Thursday for children 9 - 12 in the conference room. Class size is limited to 15.

Youth life

A youth life group meets 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the youth center.

PCSing with your pet

A PCSing with your pet seminar is from 7 - 8 p.m. Thursday in the conference room.

Newcomers' briefing

A newcomers' and readiness briefing is from 8 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the base theater.

Hearts Apart

The Hearts Apart support group meets from 10 a.m. - noon Fridays at the base chapel. Children can attend Little Hearts Apart. The program covers topics regarding feelings about separation. It runs until noon.

What's on at Services

Friday – May 2

- The golf course steak house is open from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at the golf course. (Ext. 2223)
- A teen pool tournament is from 7 - 10 p.m. at the RAF Lakenheath Youth Center. (Ext. 3180)
- An aquacize class is from 9:15 - 10:15 p.m. at the RAF Lakenheath pool. (Ext. 2815)

Saturday – May 3

- A "Super Stars Challenge" begins at 9 a.m. at the fitness and sports center (Ext. 3249)
- Piano lessons are at the RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center between 2 - 4 p.m. (Ext. 2221)
- Movies rented today at Electric Avenue aren't due back until Monday. (Ext. 2067)

Sunday – May 4

- "South of the Border" Sunday brunch is from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Liberty Club. (Ext. 3869)
- Information, Tickets and Tours sponsors trips to London Historical at 8 a.m. (Ext. 2979)
- Tae Kwon Do classes are from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center. (Ext. 2221)

Bike rodeo

The RAF Feltwell Community Activity Center sponsors a bike rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. The rodeo tests skills and knowledge in three age groups: under 5 years, 6 - 8 years old and 9 and over. Entry fee is \$1. For more information, call Ext. 7291.

Liberty Club bingo

The Liberty Club gives away more than \$2,000 in cash and door prizes at bingo Tuesdays. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7:30 p.m. For details, call Ext. 3869.

Stress workshop

The RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center sponsors a "Demystifying Stress Workshop" from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, call Ext. 2221.

Volunteers needed

The Eagle's Nest Repertory Company seeks



Knights Table

Friday
Lunch: pepper steak, broccoli-and-turkey casserole, lemon-herbed chicken
Dinner: roast turkey with barbecue sauce, beef-and-corn pie, vegetable curry

Saturday
Lunch: spinach lasagna, turkey nuggets
Dinner: broccoli-chicken-potato casserole, Oriental stir fry, beef pot roast

Sunday
Lunch: barbecued beef cubes, pineapple chicken
Dinner: beef balls stroganoff, jaegerschnitzel, shrimp Creole

Monday
Lunch: braised beef and noodles, savory chicken, vegetarian stuffed peppers
Dinner: braised pork chops, red beans and sausage, mustard-dill baked fish

Tuesday
Lunch: Swedish meatballs, gingered pork, crispy baked chicken
Dinner: Yankee pot roast, grilled Polish sausage with onions, marinated beef casserole

Wednesday
Lunch: Cantonese spareribs, Szechwan beef, five-spice chicken
Dinner: chicken-fried steak, meat loaf, turkey a la king

Thursday
Lunch: vegetable-topped chicken breast, sweet-and-sour pork, roast beef
Dinner: stuffed cabbage rolls, chicken adobo, stir fry broccoli

additional carpenters for the set building of "Little Shop of Horrors," the theater production scheduled for June. They also accept applications for volunteer director for the autumn theater production through Aug. 9. For more information, call Ext. 2221.

Arthurian Legend continues

The next lecture in the Arthurian legend series is from noon - 1 p.m. May 9 at the library. The title of this lecture is "Lancelot and Guinevere." Call Ext. 3713 for details.

Child-care provider day

May 9 is Family Child-Care Provider Appreciation Day. A celebration for RAF Lakenheath and RAF Feltwell providers is from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the football field. Providers and parents for family child-care parents may participate in activities.

Teddy bear picnic

The RAF Lakenheath Community Activity Center sponsors the teddy bears' picnic for families from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 10. The event is free and includes contests, games and more. For more information, call Ext. 2221.

Aero club open house

The aero club sponsors an open house from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. May 10. The initiation fee is waived for people who sign up for membership on this day. Discovery flights are \$10. For more information, call Ext. 3152.

Family fun day

The skating rink sponsors a family fun day from 2 - 6 p.m. May 10. One adult can skate free for each child admission. For details, call Ext. 1627.

Storyteller

Storyteller Polly Howat and her "Magic Bag of Stories" are at the library from 11 a.m. - noon May 10 to tell stories to children ages 4 - 7. Call Ext. 3713 for details.

At the movies

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7 p.m. - "The Beautician and the Beast" (PG) Starring Fran Drescher and Timothy Dalton. A street-smart New York hairstylist crosses paths with the foul-tempered ruler of an Eastern European country.
9:30 p.m. - "Star Wars" (PG) Starring Harrison Ford and Mark Hamill. The tale of the galactic civil war is back with more special effects and some scenes left off the original.

Saturday

4 p.m. - "Vegas Vacation" (PG) Starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. The Griswolds are on the road to Las Vegas. The family manages to find trouble.
7 p.m. - "Dante's Peak" (PG-13) Starring Pierce Brosnan and Linda Hamilton. A volcanologist studying seismic activity in a small Pacific Northwest town discovers that a peaceful looking mountain is about to blow.

9:30 p.m. - "Meet Wally Sparks" (R) Starring Rodney Dangerfield and David Ogden Stiers. Talk-show host Wally Sparks tries to upgrade his show's ratings by attending a party at the governor's mansion. After a freak accident, he resides at the mansion and chaos begins.

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7 p.m. - "Absolute Power" (R) Starring Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman. Luther Whitney is the king of thieves, a master of disguise and a wizard of detail. But his perfect crime goes wrong. While burglarizing a mansion, he realizes he is not alone.
9:30 - "Mother" (PG-13) Starring Albert Brooks and Debbie Reynolds. After two divorces, science fiction writer John Henderson decides that he must straighten out his relationship with his mother. He moves back in with her, which leads to changes for him, his mother and younger brother.

Saturday

7 p.m. - "The Shadow Conspiracy" (R) Starring Charlie Sheen and Linda Hamilton. Bobby Bishop begins his day as the most trusted advisor to the president. But within hours he is hunted down by a ruthless professional killer determined to carry out a covert mission.

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7 p.m. - "Star Wars" (PG)

May 9

7 p.m. - "Turbulence" (R) Starring Ray Liotta and Lauren Holly. A jumbo jet flying toward Los Angeles International is taken by a serial killer who murders all the flight crew except for one flight attendant.
9:30 p.m. - "Evita" (PG) Starring Madonna and Antonio Banderas. Evita Peron married Juan Peron, president of Argentina. She tirelessly worked to help and protect the country's poor and hypnotized a nation of 18 million people before her death at 33.

RAF team wins shooting challenge

Story and photo by John Lewis
"Jet 48" correspondent

The Royal Air Force slipped by the United States Air Force to capture the 10th annual Clay Shooting Challenge by a score of 852 - 842 at the rod and gun club April 16.

The winning score was determined by the total targets broken by the top 10 shooters on each team. At the end of the day, the top 10 RAF shooters broke 852 out of 1,000 targets while the Air Force top 10 shooters broke 842 out of 1,000 targets.

High scores

John Martin, Air Force, was the high gun with a total score of 92 out of 100 targets. Dave Hewitt-Hulin, RAF, was first runner-up with 90; Andy Hilditch, RAF, was second runner-up with 89; and Brian Jones, Air Force, was third runner-up with 87.

The top score in American skeet was shared between Jones, John Bray and Stew Ashford, both of the RAF. All had 25. The top score in English skeet was by Joe Wilson, Air Force, who had 24. Sharing perfect scores in trap were Hewitt-Hulin, Andy Simmons and John Skoyles, all of the RAF, and Martin. The compact sporting top honor went to Martin, who had 23.

Event particulars

The shotgun contest had 25 American skeet targets, 25 English skeet targets, 25 trap targets and



An RAF team member aims at a target while Pete Warsaw looks on.

25 compact sporting clay target.

During the 10 years of the shoot, 1996 was the only year the Air Force has won the trophy.

"The USAF team did very well," said George Jenkins, rod and gun club manager. "Ten clays out of 1,000 is very close, and (the shoot) could have very easily gone in our direction."

At the end of the contest, Col. Doug Richardson, 48th Fighter Wing commander, congratulated the winners and returned the trophy to the RAF team.

Participants

Active-duty, retired and Department of Defense members and their families are eligible to participate in interservice clay shooting events. A number of these events are held during the year, sponsored by agencies including the Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Army, police and fire services. The U.S. Air Force has sponsored the USAF/RAF clay shoot each April since 1987.

For more information, call the rod and gun club at Ext. 2368.

Liberty Football Club plays Jubilee '96

By Jim Nix
Club manager

The Liberty Football Club lost to Bury and District League, Division 3 leaders Jubilee '96 by a score of 8 - 0 Saturday at RAF Feltwell.

Jubilee demonstrated the form that has earned them promotion to Bury and District League, Division 2, for next season.

Only nine players showed up for the match initially for the Liberty team. Just before the half that increased to eleven, but the lack of substitutions proved to be devastating for Liberty. Even so, the Liberty club held Jubilee goalless for the first 20 minutes and created several opportunities for the club.

First goal

The club's first goal came from the league's leading scorer, Danny Wines, in the 25th minute.

Jubilee responded twice more before the half. Their defense was relentless throughout the match, quickly stifling any scoring opportunities. They scored five in the second half to settle the game.

January loss

Jubilee have only one blemish on their record, when they lost in January to Sychlesmere United 6 - 2, so they'll be moving up.

The last two matches of the season are at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and May 10 at RAF Feltwell. For more information, call Ext. 1419.



Photo by SrA. Robert H. Gerlach
Gary Wike boots the ball toward the net while Tom Haerr looks on.